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TAGS: PBOR, PGOV, PLO, SY, XF
SUBJECT: ASSAD NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW

REF: AMMAN 4099 (NOTAL)

1. PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AT 1530L
JULY 23 WITH REQUEST THAT DE BORCHGRAVE BE ADVISED OF FOLLOWING
CORRECTION TO FIFTH ANSWER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT IN COURSE INTERVIEW
REPORTED REFTEL.

2. CORRECTED ANSWER SHOULD READ:

QTE ASSAD -- IF THERE IS A DESIRE FOR GENUINE PEACE AND A
DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE THE PREREQUISITES FOR PEACE AND TO ACHIEVE
IT, THEN THIS COULD LEAD TO PEACE. WITH REGARD TO THE U.S., IF IT
TAKES THE STAND OF AN INTERMEDIARY, AND CONSEQUENTLY THE STAND OF
NEUTRALITY, NO DOUBT THIS WILL HELP TO MOVE TOWARD PEACE.
ONCE ISRAEL REALIZES THAT THE U.S. WILL TAKE A NEUTRAL STAND,
THEN ISRAEL WON'T THINK OF CONTINUING ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB
TERRITORIES AND ITS USURPATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.
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IT WILL BE OBLIGED TO MOVE QUICKLY TOWARD EVACUATION AND PEACE.
SO IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU CONCEIVE OF A NEUTRAL STAND.
IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SAY SOMETHING AND THEN FORGET
ABOUT IT. UNQTE.

3. PRESS SECRETARY SAID HE HAD TRIED TO REACH DE BORCHGRAVE
IN AMMAN BUT WAS TOLD ONLY THAT HE HAD CHECKED OUT OF

HOTEL. HE UNDERSTANDS DE BORCHGRAVE IS SCHEDULED INTERVIEW SADAT
JULY 24 IN ALEXANDRIA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. AMMAN AND CAIRO ATTEMPT CONTACT
DEBORCHGRAVE AND DEPARTMENT PASS FOREGOING TO NEWSWEEK
HEADQUARTERS AS OFFICIAL SYRIAN CORRECTION TO TEXT WHICH
NEWSWEEK AND PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE PLAN PRINT JULY 23.
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